

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Richard Middleton Hicks  
Serial No. 10/577,660  
Confirmation No. 8461  
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Examiner: Paul E. Callahan  
Group Art Unit: 2437  
For: DETECTION OF ITEMS STORED IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM  
Date: August 20, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 26, 2009, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3.

**Drawing amendments** begin on page 5.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13.